

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION INFORMATION ITEM

Item No. PWC 10-14

SUBMITTED TO: Chairman Siersema and Members of the Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Travis K. Hopkins, PE, Director of Public Works

DATE: April 21, 2010

SUBJECT: Water Quality Report Update – Commercial/Industrial

Inspection Program Requirements

<u>Analysis</u>: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Region (RWQCB) adopted NPDES Permit Order No. R8-2009-0030 on May 22, 2009. The County of Orange is the principal permittee along with 26 cities within Orange County as co-permittees to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

As part of the permit, each permittee is required to conduct inspections of commercial and industrial facilities within their jurisdiction. The frequency of inspections is determined upon the priority of the facility, (high, medium or low threat to water quality), high priorities sites are inspected at least once a year, medium priorities sites are inspected at least once every two years and low priority sites are inspected at least once per permit cycle.

Staff will provide an overview of the inspection process at the Public Works Commission meeting to give Commissioners a basic understanding of what constitutes an NPDES violation.